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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6782

BILL NUMBER: HB 1304

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: 911 fees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill applies to a county that: (1) collects monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fees; and (2) contains at least one municipality operating a 911 public safety answering point (PSAP). It requires telephone service suppliers to provide quarterly reports to the county treasurer and the municipal fiscal officer detailing fee collections from customers located within the municipality. The bill requires the county treasurer to remit quarterly 75% of the enhanced emergency telephone system fees collected from customers located within the municipality operating a PSAP to the fiscal officer of the municipality.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill could reduce revenue for counties and increase the revenue for municipalities operating PSAP. It is unknown how much the transfer in revenue would be.

Background: The purpose of enhanced emergency telephone system is to enable emergency service providers to quickly reach the location of a wireless 911 call with the least amount of confusion and delay. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined this issue to be important and mandated standards and set phased deadlines for system upgrades in 1996.

The Indiana Wireless E911 Advisory Board is working to improve emergency service for wireless callers throughout Indiana. The Board administers the Indiana Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund, which is used to reimburse county 911 authorities and wireless carriers for E911 system enhancements. A county or municipality, if the county chooses not to adopt an ordinance, may adopt an ordinance to impose a monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fee for each exchange access facility used in the county. The fee for a county that contains a consolidated city or at least one second class city can not exceed of 3% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit, and 10% for other counties.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties and Municipalities.

Information Sources:

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